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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 3 - 10 remain pending in the application. Claims 3 and 6 have been allowed. Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected. Claims 7 - 10 have been objected to. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 3 and 6 and the indication that claims 7 - 10 contain allowable subject matter. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 7 - 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 5 to be dependent upon allowed claim 3. Claims 7-8 are dependent upon claim 4 and claims 9-10 are dependent upon claim 5, and therefore claims 7 - 10 indirectly depends upon allowed claim 3 and likewise deem allowable.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

Claims 5, 9, and 10 have been objected to because they depend on cancelled claim 2.

Claim 9 - 10 are dependent directly upon claim 5. Claim 5 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 3. Therefore, claims 5, 9 and 10 depend directly or indirectly upon pending claim 3 and accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection be withdrawn.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Kashimura et al. (US 5,245,361) in view of Murray et al. (US 6,007,190).


Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to be dependent from allowed claim 3 and therefore amended claims 4 and 5 deem allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims 3 - 10 are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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